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SUBJECT: NEW SWISS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN

1. WHILE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT PIERRE CUENOUD, DCM AT THE SWISS MISSION TO THE EC, IS BEING ASSIGNED AS AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN. OUR SOURCE INDICATES THAT THIS ASSIGNMENT WAS MADE AT THE PERSONAL INSTIGATION OF AMBASSADOR JOILLES, SWITZERLAND'S PRINCIPAL TRADE NEGOTIATOR, WHO ARGUED THAT SWITZERLAND'S AMBASSADORS IN TOKYO HAVE NOT BEEN OF SUFFICIENT CALIBER TO REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF JAPAN'S ROLE AS A WORLD TRADING PARTNER.

2. WHILE ON CLOSER TERMS WITH OTHER SWISS MISSION OFFICERS, WE HAVE HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH CUENOUD PERSONALLY AND ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE MUCH IN THE WAY OF BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION. HE IS GENERALLY REGARDED AS QUITE COMPETENT, ALTHOUGH ON OCCASION LOCAL SOURCES HAVE CONSIDERED HIM PERHAPS MORE "GAULLIST" THAN "PRO-ATLANTIC." GUENOUD SPEAKS ONLY FRENCH AND GERMAN AND HAS SPENT THE PAST SEVERAL

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MONTHS IN INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION. HE

HAS BEEN DOING HIS HOMEWORK TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT A
MEMBER OF HIS STAFF HAS DESCRIBED HIS OFFICE AS
"THE BEST ORIENTAL BOOKSTORE IN BRUSSELS." WE UNDERSTAND
CUENOUD IS TO TAKE UP HIS NEW POST SHORTLY AFTER
JANUARY 1. MYERSON

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